

Bucks County 1940 population was 107,715 - including only 1,956 Negroes. 1950 population increased by 33.9%, to 144,234. Although 1950 Census figures are unavailable for Bucks County by race, by observation the rate of increase of Negroes in the County far outstripped that of the general population. This has been in response to the Negroes greater need for a decent place to live.

The Levittown area alone is expected to have 100,000 residents in ten years, and become the tenth largest city in Pennsylvania.

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Levitt and Sons, Inc. has scheduled 16,000 houses for Levittown Bucks County, Pa. 4,000 are expected to be completed by January 15, 1953; more than 1,000 are occupied already. These 4,000 will complete the "first stage" (closed section) of Levittown. Title has been taken to approximately 2,000 houses, while about 4,000 are sold.

Negroes are refused opportunity to purchase. Negroes are not allowed even to take an application blank. Moreover, each purchaser is required to appear in person when taking title. Official representatives of Levitt and Sons, Inc. appearing at meetings in Trenton and in Bucks County are reported to have stated that the firms official policy is to make Levittown an all-white community.

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Danherst Corporation was lent (given credit) \$10 million or \$15 million according to varying reports (Fortune Magazine, N. Y. Times) by U. S. Steel.

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The Danherst Corp. has scheduled 4,000 houses for Fairless Hills, of which 1,600 are completed and have been occupied and/or sold. Negroes are being refused opportunity to purchase in Fairless Hills. Despite a general understanding that Fairless Hills is for Fairless Works executive and supervisory employees, its houses are advertised for sale (ostensibly to anyone) in the press with full page ads.

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Employment: Full operation of Fairless Works is expected to settle down with 6,000 employees.

An official of U.S. Steel told Mr. J. A. Thomas that 1 in 7 of the firms employees is a Negro and that the policy indicated would be the same at the new Fairless Works. Mr. Lafferty, Industrial Relations Director, Fairless Works, told Mr. Norris: "We have a policy of non-discrimination in employment".

The United Steelworkers of America, CIO, District #7 has emphasized to us its interest in equal opportunity for hiring and upgrading if and when it is established in Fairless Works. Fairless Works already has at least 300 - 500 workers on the site. It has had at least 300 in training for supervisory jobs. So far as we have been able to determine no Negroes are included

among these trainees.

Despite Fairless Works officials stating that the only hiring is of persons transferred from other U. S. Steel plants, it appears from several community sources that at least one hundred local persons have been hired. A few of these are Negroes resident in Trenton and Philadelphia.

The first plant production is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 1953.

Approximately 40,000 applications for work (in all steel plant job categories) have been received from every state in the country and several foreign countries, according to press stories.

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To keep good relations with other employers in the area, Fairless Works hesitates to hire a person employed elsewhere, and first clears with the applicant's present employer. Nevertheless, hires are made.

The agreement between the Manufacturing Division of U.S. Steel and the United Steelworkers states that the standard hourly wage scale of rates for the job classes are as listed below (effective March 1, 1952):

<u>Job Class</u>	<u>Standard Hourly Rate</u>
0 - 1	\$1.435 - \$57.40 per week, \$2,984.80 per year
2	1.49
3	1.545 scaled up to:
30	3.03
31	3.085
32	3.14 - \$125.60 per week, \$6,631.20 per year.

Recreation, Health and Welfare: Levittown is being built into geographically defined neighborhoods, each with a swimming pool, playground, and other such public facilities -- (but with an all-white Levittown, neighborhood swimming pools will be all-white).

Schools draw pupils from within fixed boundaries. As Levittown and Fairless Hills are becoming occupied now, in both areas all-white schools will emerge as fixed patterns.

One new hospital is scheduled, for Bristol, with 150 bed capacity. The building plans are so drawn that additional wings may be constructed and integrated into the main structure. The 150 bed capacity is needed for the present population of the area and additional hospital facilities will unquestionably be needed soon. The same situation holds for the school facilities.

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